



## **DX bulletin 192**

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## **DX news**

### **Cancelled due to weather conditions**

**NA-221 Isla de Lobos** On March 24, 25 and 26, the XF2L team of XE1SPM Paty (YL), XE1AY Ismael, XE1SGW Andres and XE1SOV Ricardo will head to Isla de Lobos NA-221. They will operate on 80-6 meters. Also on satellite, possibly on 160 and 30m too. Participation in WPX SSB with 2 stations, and other station running out of the contest (CW, digitals, satellite, SSB). <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=na221>

We hope that in May the weather conditions will allow us to visit isla de lobos as it is scheduled.

### **Where next for KC0W?**

'MY NEXT DXPEDITIONS WILL START 17 APRIL. UNFORTUNATELY IT WON'T BE TO EQUATORIAL GUINEA & ANNOBÓN DUE TO NOT BEING ISSUED THE LICENSES. THESE UPCOMING DXPEDITIONS SHOULD GENERATE GOOD INTEREST FROM EU/JA. I'M ALSO CONTEMPLATING (GASP) OPERATING RTTY & PSK DUE TO THE HIGH DEMAND FOR THESE COUNTRIES BY EU/JA. NO SSB OPERATION WILL TAKE PLACE. CW #1....FULL INFORMATION SOON.'

### **TU7C Ivory Coast DXpedition**

Now QRT with 52500 QSO logged.

### **9N7EI Nepal DXpedition**

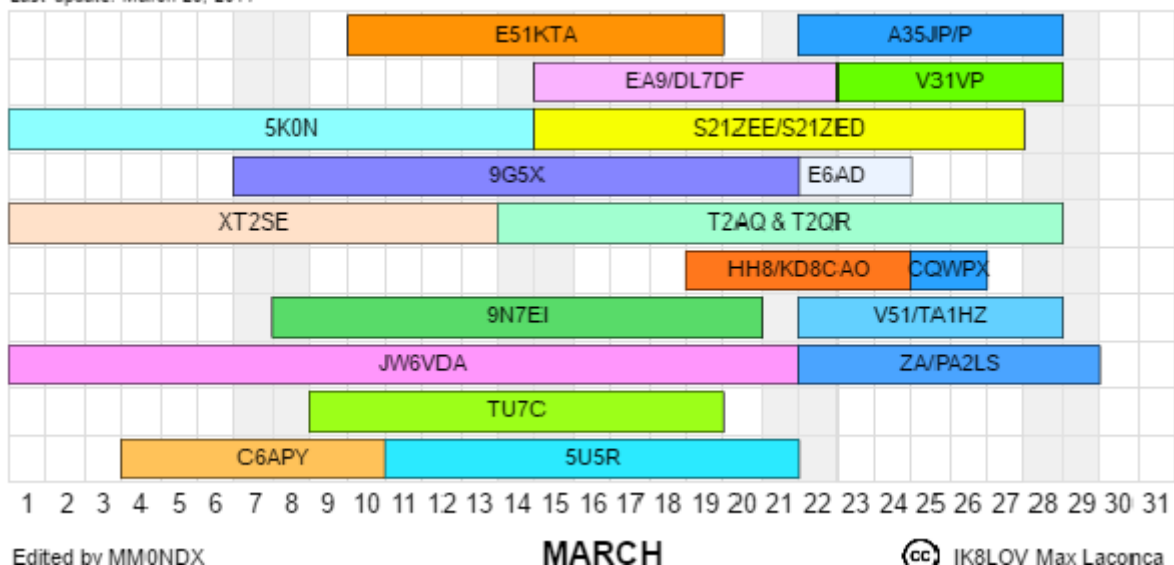
Now QRT with 30000 QSO logged. For latest pictures see <https://9n7ei.com/media/>

### **T2AQ and T2QR Tuvalu update**

'While upper bands are dead we spent most of the time on 20, 30, and 40 meters working SSB and RTTY. 17 and 15 meters are controlled time to time. There is limited space for antennas, we are using different monoband verticals and the highest mast available (15m) will serve later to activate 80m but at the moment hosts 40m vertical with 2 resonated radials. Logs are uploaded at least once a day but access to the Internet is sporadic. European pileups on 20m in our evenings are sometimes heavy but QRN lowers the QSO rate substantially.'

## DX Timeline by **DX**WORLD.net

Last update: March 23, 2017



## QSL preview



## DXCC

### This week on HF

**3B8, MAURITIUS** Paul, G8AFC is operating as 3B8HE until April 5. Activity from 40 to 6 meter. QSL via home call.

**4S, SRI LANKA** Peter, DC0KK is operating as 4S7KKG until April. Operation on HF using CW and digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, OQRS Club Log.

**5H, TANZANIA** Maurizio, IK2GZU is operating as 5H3MB until April 12. Operation during his spare time. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

**6W, SENEGAL** Michel, F6AFH is active as 6W7SS until April. QSL via home call.

**8P, BARBADOS** Dick, G3RWL will be active as 8P6DR between March 23 and April 20. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW and RTTY. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW or via home call.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Michael, VK6ZOA is active as 8Q7MJ until May 28. Operation on HF. QSL via home call.

**9G, GHANA** A team of 6 operators is active as 9G5X during March. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via M00XO OQRS, LoTW.

<http://www.ossett.net/9G5X/index.html>

**9N, NEPAL** Kazik, SP6AXW is once again active as 9N7XW until March 31. Operation in 'holiday-style'. QSL via home call.

**D4, CAPE VERDE** Pete SQ9D and Massimo IZ4DPV are active as D4Z on 15, 20 and 40 meter using SSB. During the CQ WPC contest look for them as D4C on 20 meter and D41CV on 15 meter SSB.

**E5, SOUTH COOK** Frank, DJ5NQ is QRV in 'holiday-style' as E51ANQ until March 24. Activity using mainly CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**E6, NIUE** Joe, N7BF is operating as E6AD until March 24. Operation mostly on 40 and 17 meter using SSB. QSL via home call.

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Philippe, F1DUZ is operating as FG4KH until March 26. Operation on HF using SSB and maybe 2 meter EME. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**GJ, JERSEY** Kazu, M0CFW will be operating as MJ0CFW and as MJ5Z during the Russian DX contest. QSL via LoTW and Club Log OQRS.

**H40, TEMOTU PROVINCE** Sigi, DK9FN is QRV as H40FN until March 24. Operation on HF. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**HH, HAITI** Doug, KD8CAO is operating as HH8/call until March 24. Operation on HF using SSB and satellite FM and SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** Boris, N3SY is active as HI3/call until end March. QSL via home call.

**HK0, SAN ANDRES** Will, AA4NC is active during March as 5K0N. QSL via home call, direct only.

**HR, HONDURAS** Gerard, F2JD is QRV as HR5/call until April 24. Activity on all bands using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via F6AJA.

**J3, GRENADA** Franz, OE2SNL is operating as J3/call until March 30. Activity from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via home call. <https://www.oe2snl.at/j3-grenada-2017/>

**JW, SVALBARD** Kamil, SQ8KFH is active as JW/call while working at the Polish Polar Station in Hornsund. Operation until May 20 on 20 meter using SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call and LoTW.

**KH2, GUAM** Tony, EA5BY will be QRV as KH2BY between March 29 and April 10. Activity from 80 to 6 meter. QSL via home call, OQRS and LoTW.

**KH2, GUAM** Santos EA4AK and Tony EA5BY will be operating as AH2P and KH2BY from March 29 until April 10. Efforts will be made on the bands/nodes that are needed most. QSL via LoTW, OQRS Club Log.

**PJ2, CURACAO** Joeke, PA0VDV is active as PJ2/call until end March. Operation using CW only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**PJ7, ST MAARTEN** Ed, WA1ZAM is once again active as PJ7PL until April 3. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 30 to 10 meter using SSB. QSL via WA1ZAM.

**S2, BANGLADESH** Juris YL2GM and team are operating as S21ZEE and S21ZED until March 27. S21ZEE callsign will be used in the first half of our DX pedition time, S21ZED – in the second half. This is caused by the specifics of the regulations in Bangladesh, and not because we want more duplicated QSOs in the log. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via OQRS Club Log, YL2GN bureau or direct, LoTW.

<http://www.lral.lv/s21gm/index.html>

**T2, TUVALU** Tim, NL8F will again be active as T2TT from March 23 until April 13. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and JT65. QSL via N7RO.

**T2, TUVALU** Jacek SP5EAQ and Marek SP7DQR are operating as T2AQ and T2QR for about 2 weeks. Time may change "due to the unpredictability of transport during the season of cyclones. Operation from 80 to 10 meter with Jacek running SSB and Marek CW and digital modes. <http://tuvalu.sp7dqr.pl/>

**V2, ANTIGUA** Babs DL7AFS and Lot DJ7ZG are once again active as V21ZG until March 26. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 6 meter using mainly SSB, RTTY, PSK and SSTV. QSL via DL7AFS. <http://www.qsl.net/dl7afs/>

**V3, BELIZE** Victor, WB0TEV will once again be operating as V31VP between March 24 and March 28. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, Club Log OQRS.

**V4, ST KITTS & NEVIS** John, W5JON is once again active V47JA until April 5. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB. QSL via W5JON, direct only and LoTW.

**V4, ST KITTS & NEVIS** Thaire, W2APF is operating as V47JR until April 1. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

**V5, NAMIBIA** Tevfik, TA1HZ is operating as V51/call until March 28. Participation in the CQ WW WPC SSB contest. QSL via LZ3HI.

**V6, MICRONESIA** Susume, JA6REX is once again operating as V633KS until April 3. Activity on 80 and 160 meter. QSL via home call.

**VP, TURKS AND CAICOS** John AF3K and Rose W2TT are operating as VP5/calls until March 30. Operation in 'holiday-style'. QSL via W2TT direct and LoTW.

**VQ9, DIEGO GARCIA** Jim, ND9M is going to be active again as VQ96JC, license is valid until July, but he will try and get VQ917JC, as he has used "year-specific special calls every year starting in 2007". Plans are to be QRV for about three hours during his evenings, as he has to commute between his ship and his operating location on the island, then set up and break down each time. He operates mainly CW, with some SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call.

**YN, NICARAGUA** Ken KD2KW (YN2KW), Marty W5MF (YN2MF), Keith NM5G (YN2MG) and Bill K5WL (YN2WL) are active until March 28. They are using SSB, CW, RTTY and other digital modes, and they also have "equipment to make some satellite contacts as time and weather permit". QSL via N5ET.

**ZA, ALBANIA** Look for PE1KL, PD5LKM and PA2LS as ZA/PA2LS until March 29. Activity from 160 to 2 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via PA2LS, bureau or direct.

**ZF, CAYMAN ISL** Fred K5QBX and Royce KE5TC are active as ZF2FL and ZF2TC until March 27. Activity in 'holiday-style' using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via homecalls.

**ZF, CAYMAN ISL** Kan, JJ2RCJ is operating as ZF2CJ until March 24. Activity from the ZF1A shack from 80 to 6 meter using mostly RTTY. QSL via home call, OQRS and LoTW.

## Coming up soon

**3D2, ROTUMA** The next Rotuma Island (3D2AG/p) DXpedition looks likely April 2 to April 22 (depending on boat schedules). More news will be posted on Antoine's QRZ page! Coverage will be 160 to 6m, including 60m (5 MHz). There will be NO internet while on the island.

**CE0Y, EASTER ISLAND** Eliot, W1MJ will be operating as CE0Y/call from April 2 until April 6. Activity from 40 to 15 meter. QSL via home call.

**FM, MARTINIQUE** Look for FM4KA/P from March 31 until April, this to promote the ham radio hobby. Activity by the FMHARA team on HF using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via ON6DP.

**J6, ST LUCIA** Bill, K9HZ will again be operating as J68HZ from April 1 until April 8. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via LoTW, OQRS Club Log.

**KH2, GUAM** Santos EA4AK / AH2P and Tony EA5BY / KH2BY will be active from March 30 until April 10. Operation on HF with focus on the low bands using CW and RTTY. QSL via homecalls.

**S7, SEYCHELLES** Operators OK1FFU, OK1JKT, OK1NY, OK1RI, OK1VVT and OM5AW will be operating as S79Z from April 6 until April 18. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via OM2FY, LoTW.

**V7, MARSHALL ISL** Haru, JA1XGI will once again be QRV as V73XG from April 5 until April 13. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via Club Log OQRS and LoTW.



## Antarctic base stations

**Bellinghausen station** Alex, UA1OJL will be QRV as RI1ANO between April 2017 and March 2018. Operation during his spare time on all bands using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via RN1ON, direct or bureau, OQRS Club Log.

**Dumont d'Urville Station update** Francois, F4HLT is active for one year at the Dumont d'Urville Station on Petrels Island (AN-017). In his spare time he will be QRV as FT3YL. His licence is valid until February 1, 2018. QSL via F6KPQ.

<https://f4hlt.wordpress.com/>

**Machu Picchu Base** Look for OA0MP until March 31. QSL via OA4O.

**Neumayer Station III** Daniel, DL1SU, works as an electronics engineer at the base. He uses the club call sign DP0GVN until February 2018. QSL cards for DP0GVN will be handled by DL5EBE, direct or via the bureau.

**Syowa research station** Yath, JG2MLI is operating as 8J1RL until January 2018. In addition, to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Japanese Antarctic Research Expeditions, Yath will also use the call 8J60JARE. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using all modes. QSL via bureau and LoTW, for direct via JG2MLI.

## IOTA

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### This week on HF

**EU-063 Hopen Isl** Erik, LA2US is operating as JW2US until June. Operation around the IOTA frequencies using CW during his spare time. QSL via OQRS Club Log, LoTW.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU063>

**NA-008 Ellesmere Isl** Look for VY0ERC until early April. QSL via M0OXO OQRS.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA008>

**NA-034 Longboat Key** Louis, W0FK/4 is QRV until March 31. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA034>

**NA-061 Kaien Isl** Mike, VE7ACN is operating as VE7ACN/7 until March 26. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA061>

**OC-123 Niuafou'ou Isl** Masa, JA0RQV is active as A35JP/P until March 28. His Majesty Armed Forces of Tonga (NAVY) will officially cooperate this activation by transporting Masa to OC-123 as their personal mission. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC-123>  
<http://dx-world.net/a35jp-p-niuafouou-island-oc-123/>

**OC-177 Seribu Isl** An Indonesian team is operating as YE0S until March 27. Operation on all bands using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via Club Log OQRS. More on QRZ.com. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC177>

**SA-028 Sao Sebastiao Isl** Look for LU9EFO, PU2KBD and PU7TDX as PY2/call between March 24 and March 26. Operation on HF using SSB. QSL via F4BHW. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=SA028>

## Coming up soon

**EU-038 Texel Isl** Hans, PA7HPH will be operating as PF38T from March 31 until April 7. QSL via home call. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU038>

**OC-008 New Britain Isl** Haru, JA1XGI will be active as P29VXG between April 6 and April 12. Operation using mainly CW and digital modes. Focus on working Europe on JT65. QSL via home call, LoTW, logsearch Club Log.

<http://island.geocities.jp/P29vacation/>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC008>

**OC-130 Mindanao Isl** Marc, ON5SM will once again be operating as DU9/call from April 4 until May 24. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using SSB, digital and SSTV. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC130>

**SA-030 Flores Isl** Members of Radiogrupo Sur, Uruguay will once again be active as CV5A. Activity from March 30 until April 2. QSL via CX2ABC or CX1FU. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=SA030>

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Announced DX**

#### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**J6, ST LUCIA** Ralph K1ZZI and Stephen WF2S will be operating as J6/calls from April 18 until April 27. Operation on HF. QSL via homecalls, LoTW.

**T32, EAST KIRIBATI** Ken, KH6QJ will be active as T32AZ from April 11 until April 18. Activity on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

**YJ, VANUATU** Chung, VA7YM will be operating as YJ0YM from April 6 until April 17. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via homecall.

#### **THE REMINDERS**

**3B7, AGALEGA and ST BRANDON** Seb, F5UFX announces 'after our successful dxpeditons to tromelin (ft4ta) and juan de nova (ft4ja), we are very happy to announce our new project. our team will be active from saint brandon island 3B7 in October 2017 for a two weeks operation. more details to follow soon!'

**3Y, BOUVET ISL** A large team led by Bob K4UEE, Erling LA6VM and Ralph K0IR will be operating from the most remote place on earth. The DXpedition is taking place early 2018. <http://www.dx-world.net/3y0z-bouvet-2018/>  
<http://www.bouvetdx.org/>

**9M2, WEST MALAYSIA** Rich, PA0RRS will once again be QRV as 9M2MRS between December 1 and January 30, 2018. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW, OQRS and logsearch on Club Log.

**A2, BOTSWANA** A large team led by Nobby G0VJG will be QRV as A25UK from April 25 until May 6. Operation with 5 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via M0OXO. <http://www.a25uk.com/>

**E4, PALESTINE** Members of the True DXing Group with SP9FIG, SQ9CNN and SQ9D will be QRV as E44WE early spring 2017. QSL via SP9FIH, Club Log OQRS. <http://www.e4.dxpeditons.org/>

**E5, SOUTH COOKS** Doug W6HB and Bruce AD7MM will once again be QRV as E51DLD and as E51BAS between April 28 and May 12. Activity from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via home call.

**ER, MOLDOVA** Members of the Beskidzki's ARC will be active as ER0PL from April 23 until April 28. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via SP9KAT, direct or bureau, logsearch on Club Log.

**FG, GUADELOUPE** Reiner, DL2AAZ will be QRV in 'holiday-style' as FG/call between May 22 and June 7. Operation from 30 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

**FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA** Max, IZ2ZTQ will be QRV as FO/call between May 1 and July 31. Operation with green power on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 meter using SSB, PSK, RTTY and JT65. He will visit:

- Marquesas Island – Fatu Hiva – IOTA: OC-027
- Tuamotu Archipelago – Rangiroa – IOTA: OC-066
- Leeward Society Islands – Bora Bora – IOTA: OC-067
- Windward Society Islands – Tahiti – IOTA: OC-046

See <https://www.qrz.com/lookup/fo/iz2ztq> for updates. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

**FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON** Look once again for FP/KV1J between July 4 and July 18. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using mostly SSB and RTTY with some CW. QSL via LoTW. <http://www.kv1j.com/fp/July17.html>

**FS, ST MARTIN** Paul, W7NZJ will once again be active as FS/call from April 7 until April 16. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW and digital modes. QSL via eqsl.

**GD, ISLE OF MAN** The Barry ARS will be QRV as GT4BRS from April 15 until April 22. They aim to be QRV on CW, SSB, RTTY, JT65. Also planned is Top Band and Special efforts on 5Mhz to West Coast of USA (CW & JT65 & SSB) to give all time new one on 60 metres. QSL via DJ6OI.

**H40, TEMOTU PROVINCE** Stan, LZ1GC will once again be QRV as H40GC between October 3 and October 17. Operation on all bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW. <http://www.c21gc.com/>

**HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN** Members from Stirling District ARS and GMDX group will be operating as HB0/GM4UYE from June 1 until June 6. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. Whilst looking to give people an ATNO, ANY MONEY RAISED WILL BE DONATED to Yorkhill Children's Charity / Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity, Scotland. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS.

**HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL** Look for G8OFQ, KG0YL, VK2BXE and WB2REM will be operating as HD8M between September 14 and September 21. Activity from 160 to 6 meter. QSL via WB2REM, Club Log OQRS.

**J8, GRENADINES** Brian, GW4DVB will once again be operating as J88PI from April 14 until April 23. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using mainly SSB. QSL via home call. [http://www.g4dvh.co.uk/#!\\_dx-expedition](http://www.g4dvh.co.uk/#!_dx-expedition)

**OJ0, MARKET REEF** A Belgian team from ON4RSX ARC with ON5TQ, ON6QO, ON2KMJ and ON8VP will be operating as OJ0V from July 1 until July 7. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via ON5TC.

**PJ5, SABA & ST EUSTATIUS**

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**PJ7, ST MAARTEN**

Frank, PH2M will be QRV between May 19 and June 4. More to follow.

**PJ7, SINT MAARTEN** LU1FM, LU2CJW, LU3FMD, LU4FBU and LU9FHF will be active as PJ7T between October 24 and November 4. QRV on HF. QSL via LU1FM, LoTW.

**PY0T, TRINIDADE & MARTIN VAZ ISLAND** A DXpedition is planned during 2018. More to follow.

**S9, SAO TOME & PRINCIPE** Jose, EA5IDQ will be operating as S9CW from October 12 until October 21. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call.

**T30, WESTERN KIRIBATI** Chris, VK3FY will be active as T30T from Tarawa, Kiribati. Activity in December, dates to be announced. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS.

**T8, PALAU** Ichy, JH7IPR will again be operating as T88UW between April 14 and April 21. Focus will be on 6 meter and digital modes. QSL via home call, bureau or direct, LoTW and logsearch on Club Log.

**T8, PALAU** Japanese operators JM1LIG/T88FM, JL1HYH/T88HY, JO3LVG/T88MK, JI6NCY/T88NC, JA6UBY/T88RR and JH6DUL/T88VV will be active between June 16 and June 23. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via homecalls.

**V4, ST KITTS & NEVIS** Rich KE1B and Anna W6NN will be operating as V4/calls between July 1 and July 9. Operation from 40 to 10 meter. QSL via homecalls.

**VK9C, COCOS KEELING ISLAND**

**VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND**

Chris VK3FY, Lee VK3GK, Tony VK3TZ and others will be active as VK9XI from Christmas and as VK9CI from Cocos Keeling Isl.

-Christmas Isl from October 2 until October 10

-Cocos Keeling Isl from October 10 until October 17

Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY with a focus on the low bands. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS.

**VK9M, MELLISH REEF** Hawk SM5AQ and Rob N7QT are planning a DXpedition this November. Currently working to obtain landing rights and a VK0M callsign. A team of 8 operators will be QRV from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. More to follow.

**YJ, VANUATU** Look once again for YJ0GA from July 6 until July 13. Operation in 'holiday-style' with efforts to look for 20 and 30 meter for Western Europe. All QSL donations will be used to support the children at the Little Lights Preschool. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW.

**ZF, CAYMAN ISL** Al, KZ3AB will operate from Grand Cayman as ZF2AB from April 29 until May 6. Operation on HF. QSL via WA3EOP.

## **Announced IOTA**

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**AF-020 Rubane Isl** Josep EA3BT and Nuria EA3WL will be operating as J5B and J5W between April 7 and April 15. Activity from 40 to 6 meter (maybe 80) using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL for both calls via EA3BT.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF020>

**AF-094 Rachgoun Isl** The Algerian Amateur Radio Union is planning a trip to AF-094 with the call 7Y94I. More to follow. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF094>

**AF-108 Tigres Isl** A 8-man team will be operating the first half of June. The full planning is in stage. Website and full details to follow. This IOTA group has never been activated before. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AF108>

**AS-022 Leont'yeva Isl** Yury R2DG, Vasily R7AA and Yevgeny UA6EX will be operating as RI0LI between July 24 and July 31. Activity is planned with 2 stations on 40, 30, 20 and 17 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log OQRS or R7AA direct or bureau.

<http://www.ri0li.com/>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS022>

**AS-039 Commander Isl** A group will be active during July-August 2017 as RI0Z. Commander Islands — an archipelago of four Islands in the South-Western part of the Bering sea of the Pacific ocean. The administrative part of the Aleut district of the Kamchatka Krai of Russia. The island is named after who discovered them in 1741, Explorer commander Vitus Bering.

In the team's plans included visiting the most remote Islands – Mednyj (Copper). Island remote from the American Aleutian Islands at a distance of 190 miles.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS039>

**AS-071 Arakamchechen Isl** The Russian Robinson Club is announcing an IOTA DXpedition to AS-071 as R71RRC, operation from April 7 until April 17 on 40, 30, 20 and 17 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via UA3AKO, OQRS, direct or bureau.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS071>

<http://www.r71rrc.ru/en/>

**AS-069 Iony Isl** A Russian Robinson Team with R7AL, RA1ZZ, RW5D and RK8A will be QRV as RI0C during the second half of July 2017. Operation on 40, 30, 20, 17, 15 and 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital mode. <http://www.iony2017.com/eng>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=AS069>

**AS-182 Mon Region group** <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=as182>

**AS-183 Tenasserim Region North group**

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=as183>

**AS-184 Preparis Channel group** <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=as184>

Derek G3KHZ, Hans SM6CVX, Nils SM6CAS, Ulrika SM7WYN and Eddy K5WQG will be operating from 3 new Iota groups. Dates to be announced. The plan is to stay 6 days on each island and operate using CW, SSB and RTTY. More to follow.

**EU-008 Isle of Mull** A team from Tynemouth ARC will be operating as GS0NWM from April 21 until April 28. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via M0URX, OQRS. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU008>

**EU-010 Barra Isl** Dave, GM0LVI will be QRV as call/P from April 16 until April 22. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU010>



**EU-030 Bornholm Isl** Fred, SM7DAY will be QRV as OZ/call/P between May 3 and May 10. Activity on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via home call, direct or bureau. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU030>

**EU-048 Houat Isl** Members of the Charente DX Group will be active from April 8 until April 14 as TM2H. QSL via ON4ZD. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU048>

**EU-128 Fehmarn Isl** Look for ON6ZV, ON6OM, ON7EG and ON4MW as DL/ON4IPA and DL/OO6P from June 17 until June 23. QSL via ON6ZV, direct or bureau. More on

<http://www.qsl.net/o/on6om//EU-128/>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=eu128>

**EU-137 Ven Isl** SA7G/7 will be active from June 4 until June 11. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW. QSL via SM6CUK, direct or bureau, LoTW.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=EU137>

**NA-019 Kodiak Isl** Chris, VK3FY will be operating as KL7/call during July, dates to be announced. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA019>

**NA-072 Taboga Isl** HP1MAC and HP1RIS will be operating as H91IT during April 14-16. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via HP1RCP Radio Club de Panama.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA072>

**NA-079 Dry Tortugas** Nelson NE4LS and John KE4IDW will be operating as N4T between April 21 and April 24. Activity on HF using CW and SSB with low power. QSL via NE4LS. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA079>

**NA-173 Charlton Isl** A team with VA2AMH, VE2MBT, VE2SSS, VE2WHZ and VE2YAG will be active as VY0/VA2NDX from July 28 until July 30. Operation on HF before and after the IOTA contest. QSL via F4BHW.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=NA173>

**OC-098 Pukapuka Atoll** Cezar, VE3LYC will attempt to be active between May 9 and May 23 as E51LYC. The OC-098 IOTA group was last on the air more than 22 years ago, and as such is in demand by 92% of the IOTA membership. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, OQRS.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC098>

**OC-128 Palawan Isl** Dale, KE0BRZ will be operating in 'holiday-style' as DU1/call from August 18 until August 22. Operation mainly on 20 meter using SSB.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC128>

**OC-151 Flores Isl** Leo, YC9MLL will be QRV from Flores in July. Operation on 15 and 20 meter, maybe 40 meter. QSL via M0OXO, OQRS.

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC151>

**OC-198 North Isl** Craig, VK5CE will be operating as call/8 from October 12 until October 16. This is a super rare IOTA. More on <https://oc198.wordpress.com/>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc198>

Craig mentions *'THIS WILL BE ONE OF MY MOST ADVENTUROUS AND EXCITING ONE MAN DXPEditions EVER. I'VE BEEN TRYING TO BRING THIS ON THE AIR SINCE 2011 AND SO I CAN'T WAIT TO GET ON THE AIR'*.

**OC-216 Ashmore Reef** Craig, VK5CE will activate this island early November as VK5CE/9. The IOTA is claimed by just 3.2% (and will go lower after the annual listings are updated) and it is equal 5th in the world in the IOTA Most Wanted List. This is a one man operation using a tent and generator and the cost is over \$14,000. Full details are at <https://ashmoreereef.wordpress.com/>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC216>

**OC-226 Mwokil Isl** Mami, JP3AYQ is planning a trip to the rare IOTA's of V6. More to follow. <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc226>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc226>

**OC-233 Bruny Isl** Craig, VK5CE will be operating as call/7 between April 22 and April 23. The focus will be North America on 40m/20m during the day and early evening and then Europe on 40m/20m during the late night and early morning. There is a direct salt water short path to Europe and JA. <https://oc233.wordpress.com/>

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC233>

**OC-235 Siargao Isl** Jacek, SP5APW will be QRV as DU9/call between May 9 and May 16. QSL via home call. <https://www.rsqbiota.org/info/search.php?q=OC235>  
**OC-267 Marion Reef** Andrey, VK5MAV will be QRV as VK9MAV end May –June 2017. QSL via Club Log OQRS, RN3RQ via bureau and LoTW.  
<https://www.rsqbiota.org/info/search.php?q=oc267>

## **Special call**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**9A, CROATIA 9A21RBM** is the special call by the Radio Club Libertas to commemorate Ronald H. Brown, the US Secretary of Commerce who was killed along with 34 others in a plane crash in 1996. Operation from April 1 until April 15. QSL via 9A4J or 9A5AX.

**F, FRANCE** In France in April 1917, the Battle of Vimy Ridge "awakened a sense of national identity in Canadians" which has been described as "the moment when Canada leapt in spirit from colony to nation". Commemorating the centenary of Vimy Ridge, **TM100VIMY** will be QRV from April 1 until April 9. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via N7RO, bureau, Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

**UA, RUSSIA** Special call **RY83HN** is active until April 2 to celebrate the 83rd Festival of the North (the "Polar Olympics"), held in Murmansk. QSL via instructions.

### **THE REMINDERS**

**5B, CYPRUS H2017PFO** is the special call until end 2017 to celebrate that Paphos (Cyprus) has the honour of being the European Capital of Culture for 2017 together with Aarhus (Denmark). QSL via Club Log OQRS or via 5B4AIE, direct preferred.

**9H, MALTA** Special call **9H2017EU** celebrates the Maltese Presidency of the Council of the European Union. Activity until June. QSL via 9H1SP, direct only.

**9N, NEPAL** Satish, 9N1AA will be operating as **9N1MD** during April. This to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mediterraneo DX Club. QSL via IZ1BVZ.

**DL, GERMANY DR60VKL** is the special call to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the DARC ARC Voelklingen. Activity during 2017. QSL via bureau.

**DL, GERMANY** Special calls **DR500MLE**, **DR1517LU**, **DR5LUTHER**, **DC500LS**, **DM5LUTHER** and **DL500ML** are QRV during 2017 to commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation initiated by Martin Luther.

**DL, GERMANY** Operators of the club station DL0VBG from the railway museum Vienenburg are active as **DR0HARZ** during 2017 to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the return of the narrow gauge Brocken Railway. QSL via DF7AA, direct or bureau.

**DL, GERMANY** Look for **DB20ENERGY** to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the German Company DB Energie. Operation until end 2017. QSL via bureau or via DM2DX direct.

**DL, GERMANY DR60SAL** is the special call to celebrate the reunification of Saarland with the Fed. Rep of Germany 60 years ago. Operation during 2017. QSL via bureau.

**DL, GERMANY** Operators of the ARC Wittenberg (DOK W29) will be operating as **DR1517LU** during 2017. This to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. QSL via bureau.

**DL, GERMANY** The DARC club Marsberg (DOK O53) is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary until June with the special call **DL0MHD**. QSL via bureau.

**EI, IRELAND** The following nine special event calls are drawing attention to Ireland's "Wild Atlantic Way" along the island's western coast during 2017.

**EI11WAW** - County Donegal

**EI22WAW** - County Leitrim

**EI33WAW** - County Sligo

**EI44WAW** - County Mayo

**EI55WAW** - County Galway

**EI66WAW** - County Clare

**EI77WAW** - County Limerick

**EI88WAW** - County Kerry

**EI99WAW** - County Cork

QSL via Club Log OQRS or via EI6AL direct.

**HA, HUNGARY** Special call **HG14HST** is active to promote the 14th IARU High Speed Telegraphy World Championship that will be held in Esztergom, Hungary on September 8-12. QSL via HA2NA and LoTW. <http://www.hst2017.org/en/>

**HA, HUNGARY** The MTOSZ Gyor Varosi Radioklub is using the call **HG17EYOF** until August 31 to celebrate the European Youth Olympic Festival (a biennial multi-sport event for youth athletes from the 48 member countries of the association of European Olympic Committees) which will be held in Gyor on 23-29 July. QSL direct only to MTOSZ Gyor Varosi Radioklub, Gyor, Nagysandor Jozsef u. 27, 9027, Hungary.

**I, ITALY** **II1TON** is the special call to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ARI Torino. Activity until June 30. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

**I, ITALY** Celebrating the 10th anniversary of Insubria Radio (IQ2IR), special call **IR2XIR** will be used during 2017. QSL via Club Log's OQRS or via 9A8MDC.

**LA, NORWAY** **LM10HAM** is the special call to mark the Norsk Hammeeting 2017. Activity until April 2. QSL via LA2G, direct or bureau, LoTW.

**LA, NORWAY** **LA1742K** is the special call to celebrate the 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the city Kristiansund. Operation until end 2017. QSL via LA6K, direct or bureau.

**LA, NORWAY** **LM8OREX** and **LM80Q** are the special calls during 2017 to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of King Harald V and Queen Sonja. QSL via OQRS Club Log, LoTW or via LA9VDA.

**LY, LITHUANIA** **LY27W** is active until March 31 and **LY27A** is active until April 11. This to celebrate the 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Act of the Re-Establishment of the State of Lithuania. QSL via LY5W and via LY5A.

**LZ, BULGARY** Once again Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use these special calls throughout 2017 to honor as many different Bulgarian saints: **LZ303MA** (March), **LZ303SA** (April), **LZ395SG** (May), **LZ121SBS** (June), **LZ284SKD** (July), **LZ55UPB** (August), **LZ100SK** (September), **LZ251MKP** (October), **LZ307MU** (November) and **LZ710SG** (December). QSL via bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2017" award can be found at <http://www.lz1kcp.com>.

**OE, AUSTRIA** Special calls **OE40SO**, **OE40WG**, **OE11WG** and **OE11SO** are active until March 26 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Special Olympics World Winter Games, whose 11th edition is taking place in Schladming, Ramsau and Graz. Also, Austrian amateurs may use the OE2017 prefix during that time frame. More information about the event and the award can be found on <http://oe6.oevsv.at/>

**OH, FINLAND** Taking part in the celebrations of Finland's 100th anniversary as an independent state, amateur radio clubs around the country will activate the special call **OF100FI/#** (where # is the number of the call area, from 0 to 9). Activity during 2017. QSL via bureau.

**OM, SLOVAK REP** **OM42KYSUCE** is active to mark the 42<sup>nd</sup> ARDF Kysuca Cup. Activity until end June. QSL via OM3CND, bureau or direct.

**OM, SLOVAK REP** Pavel, OM3CND will use **OM685RADOLA** to celebrate the 685<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the town Radol'a. Activity during 2017. QSL via OM3CND.

**ON, BELGIUM** Members of the Belgian Radio Club ONZ will be operating during 2017 as **OP17HC**. This to commemorate the First World War. QSL via ON7PP. <http://uba.be/en/latest/flash/uba-14-18-award>

**OZ, DENMARK** **OZ44C** marks Thor Heyerdahl's Kon-Tiki Expedition (LI2B/mm) 70 years ago. QRV until the end of 2017. QSL via 5P2BA, direct or bureau.

**OZ, DENMARK** Look for **OZ1AARHUS** to mark the City Aarhus being one of the two European Capitals of Culture in 2017.

**OZ, DENMARK** The Danish radio club Eksperimenterende Danske Radio-amatoere (EDR) will celebrate its 70th anniversary with the special event calls **5P90EDR**, **OV90EDR**, **OX90EDR**, **OZ90EDR**, **OZ7D** (only in JT-modes) during 2017. An award will also be available. QSL via OZ1ACB, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

**OZ, DENMARK** To celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Treaty of the Danish West Indies, special call **OZ100DVI** will be active during 2017. In 1917 the Dansk Vest-

Indien were sold to the United States and renamed the US Virgin Islands. QSL via OZ1IVA, direct or bureau.

**S5, SLOVENIA** Look for **S557E** during 2017 to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Radio Club Cerkno (S50E). QSL confirmed automatically via bureau and LoTW, direct via S500.

**SP, POLAND** Zbigniew, SP2IU is celebrating his 60<sup>th</sup> year on the air with the special call **HF60IU**. Operation until May 15. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**UA, RUSSIA** The Radio Marathon "Moscow-870" is QRV end 2017. **R1611M** is active until March 31. Detailed information on the event and the award programme can be found at <http://www.moscow870.com>

**UA, RUSSIA** Look for **R108M** (QSL via RK3LC), **R12APR** (QSL via R3LO), **R1934G** (QSL via R3LC) and **RG61PP** (QSL via RZ3LC) until April 30 to commemorate the 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Yuri Gagarin's first manned flight into outer space.

<http://www.gagarin.ga/> for complete information on the event, online logs and the relevant awards.

**UA2, KALININGRAD** **R1336FO** and **R680FBO** are operating until April 20 to celebrate the 680<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the city of Chernyakhovsk. QSL via R2FBO.

**UR, UKRAINE** The Druzhkivka Club is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary as **EN90IWA**. QRV until end 2017. QSL via bureau.

**VE, CANADA** Members of the Kings County ARC are active as **XM1150CAN**, this to mark the founding of Canada 150 years ago. Active until end 2017. QSL via bureau and LoTW.

**VK, AUSTRALIA** **VI8BOD** is the special call to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin during WW II. Operation until March 28. QSL via M0URX OQRS.

**W, USA** The "KB7QPS Air, Space and Technology Operating Event" is commemorating man's historical milestones in air, space and technology over the last 400 years" by operating twelve callsigns (see below) during 2017. QSL direct to KB7QPS.

<http://airspacetechnology.webs.com/>

Callsign	SES Title	Event Dates
N6R	3 Generations of Mars Rovers	1/19/17 - 1/23/17
W7J	Discovery of Jupiter's Moons	2/2/17 - 2/6/17
W7C	First Flight of the Concorde	3/2/17 - 3/6/17
N7S	First Space Shuttle Launch	4/13/17 - 4/17/17
N7T	Hubble Space Telescope	5/18/17 - 5/22/17
W7S	Discovery of Sunspots	6/8/17 - 6/12/17
N7M	Man Walking on the Moon	7/20/17 - 7/24/17
K7I	Birth of the IBM-PC	8/10/17 - 8/14/17
W7F	First Flight of the F-22	9/7/17 - 9/11/17
K7S	Sputnik Launch	9/28/17 - 10/2/17
K7E	Invention of the Electron Tube	11/9/17 - 11/13/17
W7D	Dreamliner First Flight	12/14/17 - 12/18/17

**XE, MEXICO** Radio Club Queretaro (XE1RCQ) is active as **6E0C** until April 30 to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Constitution of Mexico, drafted in Santiago de Queretaro by the Constitutional Congress and promulgated on 5 February 1917. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via XE1EE direct or bureau.

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